Development of Visakhapatnam Kakinada Region as port zone

1658. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has proposed to develop Visakhapatnam Kakinada region into a port zone by developing the Kakinada and Gangawaram minor ports;

(b) if so, the source of the funds; and

(c) the target for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Development of Minor ports are the responsibility of the State Governments.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction of Highways In A.P.

1659. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPRORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought permission ot construct 2000 K.M. long express highway essential for its economic development;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Malaysia who have agreed in principle to assist;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when it will be taken u

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The proposal is at conceptual stage and therefore, it is too early to give details.

Proposal to lease out existing assets of ports to private sector

1660. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lease out existing assets of ports to the private sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure that private sector participation takes place smoothly in an effective manner?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Private Sector Participation guidelines provide for leasing out of existing assets of the ports to the private sector wherever it would attract additional investment & augment existing facilities & wherever it would result in increased traffic throughput, improvement in quality of service and better productivity.

(c) Government has issued clear and transparent guidelines in this regard.

गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का विस्तार

1661. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विस्तार के लिए कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उस लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के संबंध में तथ्यात्मक स्थिति क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त अवधि में गुजरात में सड़क यातायात के संबंध में कोई आकलन कराया था; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और राज्य में सड़क यातायात की अपेक्षाओं को पूरा करने की दृष्टि से वहां राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विस्तार और विकास हेतु अनुमानित कितनी धनराशि की आवश्यकता है?